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Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
R & T Used Parts

Robert Legare & Thomas Thompson, P.O. Box 827, Glasgow, MT 59230
 Rick Sieler & John Silk, Valley County Road Dept., Glasgow
 Kay Fjeld, Sanitarian, Courthouse Annex, Glasgow
 Board of County Commissioners, Courthouse, Glasgow
 DHES, Billings Regional Office, Billings
 County Manor Estates, c/o Treasure State Bank, Box 511, Glasgow
 Dale and Helen Brown, SE of Glasgow, Glasgow
 Faxton Castlebery, East of Glasgow, Glasgow
 Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT
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 Documents Section, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT
 Carlo Porteen, City-County Planning Dept., Courthouse, Glasgow

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Robert Legare & Thomas Thompson/dba/R & T Used Parts.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

Carol Fox
 Solid and Hazardous Waste Bureau
 Environmental Sciences Division
 Telephone (406) 444-2667

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid & Hazardous Waste Bureau

Project or Application Robert Lecare & Thomas Thompson/dba/R&T Used Parts

Description of Project establishing and licensing a motor vehicle wrecking
facility approximately 4½ miles southeast of Glasgow on Highway 24.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution			X			X
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture			X			X
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality			X			X
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality			X			X
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production			X			X
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity			X			X
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows			X			X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction City & County Planning Office, Valley County

Junk Vehicle Program

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. City & County Planning Office, Valley County

Junk Vehicle Program, Robert Legare and Thomas Thompson,

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS not necessary

PER Prepared by: Carol Fox *Caul Fox*

Date: August 18, 1987

General Comments

The Montana Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Act requires the licensing and screening of wrecking facilities from public view. No junk vehicles or vehicle parts can be visible from any point six feet above the centerline of a public road. A junk vehicle is a dismantled, ruined, wrecked, or discarded motor vehicle that is inoperative and unlicensed.

The applicants propose to establish a 7-acre wrecking facility approximately 4 1/2 miles south of Glasgow. The facility will be screened and expanded in phases as time and money allow.

Potential Impacts on Physical Environment

2. Water quality, quantity, and distribution

Typically, the operation of wrecking facilities over time characteristically results in accidental spillages of motor fluids from dismantling and recycling operations. Examples of such fluids include motor fuel, oil, coolant, brake fluids, and grease. Potential impacts to water quality exist from flooding of the facility or from drainage of these fluids into either ground or surface waters.

The proposed site is near the Milk River and its floodplain, but separated from both by a large levy approximately 16' high on the west side of the facility. The levy will minimize surface water contamination from accidental spillages or flooding.

Groundwater at the site is shallow (less than 15'); soils are mainly clay. The clay soils should prevent penetration of motor fluids into the groundwater. There are no domestic wells close to the site in immediate danger of contamination.

Given the presence of the levy and clay soils at the site, DHES considers the potential impact to water quality from this proposed facility minor.



Off-site disposal of deliberately drained fluids will be required. Montana law prohibits the disposal of liquid or solid wastes in an area where they are likely to cause pollution or create a public nuisance. Violations of the water pollution laws are enforceable by the Montana Water Quality Act.

5. Aesthetics

The applicants plan to screen junk vehicles stored at the site with buildings and wooden fences between the buildings. The screening will be built in phases from north to south as the facility expands (see attached diagram).

The wooden fences will consist of 1"x10"x12' boards and telephone poles as posts. Spacing between boards, if any, will be no wider than the regulatory limit of 1 1/2".

The only public road from which the facility can be seen is Highway 24 east of the facility. Although that highway is at a higher elevation than the facility, a 12' high fence and the existing buildings should be high enough to screen the storage yard from the highway. If not, the applicant will be required to construct a higher fence. The 16' dike on the western boundary of the proposed facility will screen the facility from the north and west.

The State Highway Department plans to rebuild the Milk River bridge and parts of Highway 24 in 1988, but will keep the elevation of the new highway the same as the existing highway. The highway right-of-way may be expanded closer to the facility, but this expansion should not require a change in the applicants' screening.

The aesthetic impacts associated with the proposed facility, if any, should be positive because the applicants are removing or restoring dilapidated, burned buildings left when a nightclub burned down at the site in the early 70's. Screening, if constructed and maintained properly, should eliminate any negative aesthetic impacts associated with the facility.

3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality

The applicants have removed some buildings and foundations from an old nightclub at the site and will be moving other buildings. This construction has disrupted and will disrupt the existing land surface and vegetative cover.



Potential Impacts on Human Environment

3. Local Impacts on human environment
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income
8. Quantity and distribution of employment

The anticipated successful operation of this proposed facility should have at least a minor positive impact on all the above criteria. In addition to employment and income opportunities for the applicants and any employees necessary for the business, vehicle salvage yards can have beneficial economic impacts on secondary trades and industries. Examples of these are construction, shipping, advertising, vehicle repairs, insurance, communications and others depending on the viability of the individual business.

10. Demands for government services

State and local junk vehicle program officials will be routinely inspecting the facility to assure compliance with state law. A minor increase in demand for local fire protection and law enforcement may result from establishing this business.

4. Agricultural or industrial production
11. Industrial and commercial activity

Establishing a wrecking facility at the proposed site will establish a commercial use in a primarily agricultural area. Establishing the facility will not remove any acres from agricultural production because the site was previously used as a nightclub. However, siting this facility may alter the perception that the area is exclusively agricultural in nature and, thus, precipitate other commercial/industrial development nearby.

Facilities such as this are generally self-supporting and/or utilize support provided in the area. Only rarely will the establishment of a wrecking



facility directly influence the decision of others to establish auxiliary businesses or industries close to and because of the facility. An example might be an auto body shop operator establishing a commercial business next to a wrecking facility to take advantage of available parts. Therefore, DHES considers the potential impact to agricultural production and commercial industrial activity minor.

13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals

The establishment and operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility in the proposed location does not violate any locally adopted land use planning or zoning ordinances as certified on the application by the city-county planner.

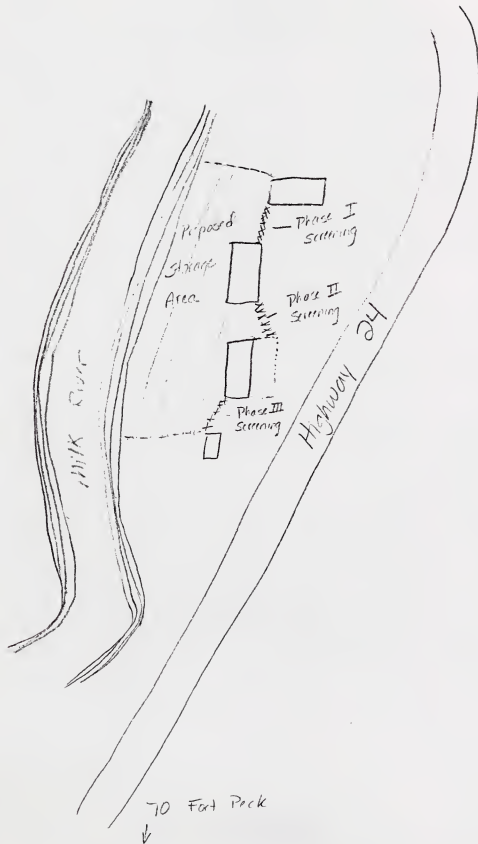
14. Transportation networks and traffic flows

Access is gained to the proposed facility from the two lane Highway 24 that runs between Glasgow and Fort Peck. Operating the facility will increase the traffic on this Highway and, thus, the traffic hazards from turning into the facility from this Highway. However, the sight distances are such that no major traffic safety problems are anticipated.

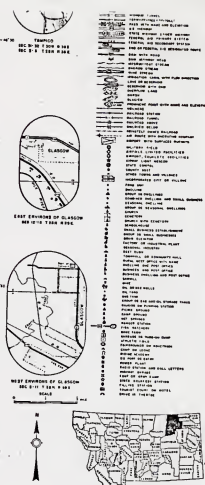
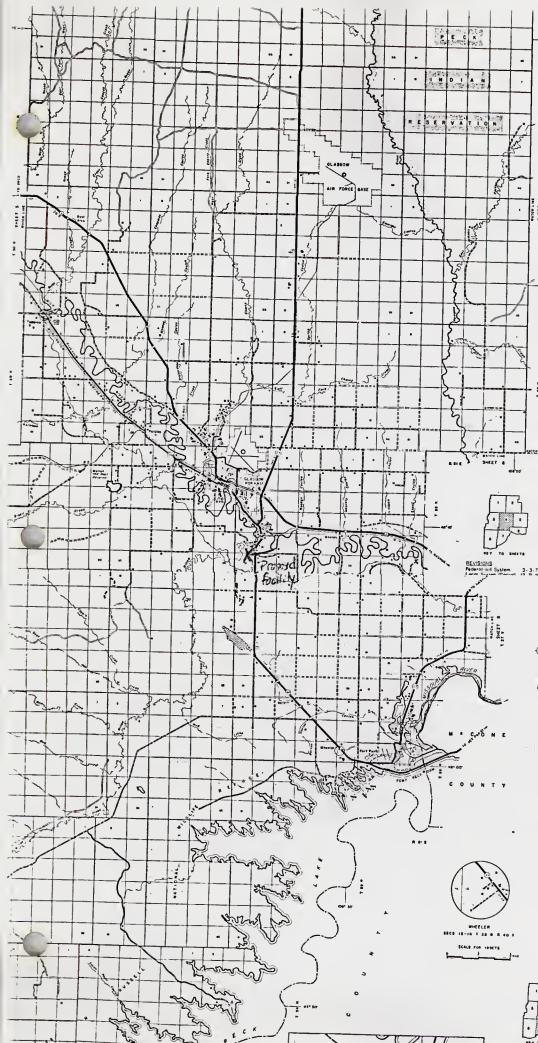
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Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

M O T O R V E H I C L E W R E C K I N G F A C I L I T Y

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Room B-201 Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: Robert G. Legare--Thomas A. Thompson
- 2) Name of facility: R.&T Used Parts
- 3) Address: P. O. Box 827 Glasgow, mont. 59230 South of Glasgow, on Hwy.24
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: 7.39Acres Lot 9 Copy of plat Att.
Copy of deed Att. For discription
- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:
Name: _____
Address: _____
- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).
- TITLE: Carl A. Porter, City-County Planner
- OF: Glasgow, Mt.
(city or county)

8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Robert G. Legare
Thomas A. Thompson PHONE: 228-9032

TITLE: Porter DATE: 18 April 87

